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FLORIDA FACTS

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once to the dock. It was intended to go out as fast as the lightning, but for some unknown reason the engine gave out. The crew. One of the crew said that a speed of twenty-two knots was registered, and that the consumption of the fuel was insignificant. Another trip seaward will be made soon.

Another torpedo was exhibited in the lower bay to-day. This was a new improved electric torpedo. It was built by J. L. Colander. It is twenty-one feet long and fifteen inches in diameter, is built of light iron, divided into three compartments, something like a Whitehead torpedo. The motive power is either carbonic acid gas or compressed air. It has a battery connected with this torpedo contains a coil of two miles of insulated wire, one end of which is connected with a battery on shore or shipboard, and is paid out so the implement goes overboard. The specific gravity of the wire causes it to sink to the bottom where it is paid out. By means of an electric current, passing through the insulated wire to the engine and steering apparatus in the torpedo, the operator on shore, by means of a key-press, can make the boat stop, steer, the machine at will. This is the theory of the invention. Its practical application has been demonstrated. It did not obey the operator, but it dashed out to port when it should have darted to starboard, and presently buried itself in a mud-bank on the Jersey shore.

THE HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

The Fever Committee in Consultation—Interesting Facts in Store.

RICHMOND, November 18.—A large number of the members of the American public health association are already arrived, and trains from every direction are bringing more. The following gentleman composing the commission to investigate the report upon the yellow fever epidemic are among the arrivals: S. M. Bernis, M.D., of New Orleans; J. Cochrane, M. D., of Mobile, and Professor E. Lloyd Howard, of Baltimore, and Colonel T. H. Harrison, of New Orleans, who have been with the commission since its organization rendering valuable aid. They are here to confer and have individually investigated at different points to four of the stricken districts, the disease, and spread. A general meeting had a preliminary conference this evening, and will be engaged the greater part of the night in discussing plans and preparing a report. Each member of the commission has compared maps of the localities affected, showing the course and extent of the infection, the mode of progress of the disease, and the location by blocks of all cases, their numbers, and the date of recovery, the total number of cases at each point, etc. In addition to these maps, the committee have a large map of the whole area infected, from the gulf to the furthest northern limit.

The first meeting of the association will be held to-morrow evening. The proceedings will be opened by Governor Halliday in an address welcome to the delegates. Col. J. L. Cabell, of the university of Virginia, in the introductory remarks. Dr. Blaha, secretary of New York State Health Association, will respond. Surgeon-General John Q. Woodworth will deliver an address, giving a condensed history of the present investigation and its progress to date. Dr. L. H. Steiner, of Maryland, will make the closing address in the preliminary workings of the association. The first business meeting will commence Wednesday, when the report of fever committees will be presented.

Philadelphia's Sick and Dead.

Special dispatch to The Constitution.

PHILADELPHIA, November 17.—The cable dispatch, received at the Pennsylvania railroad office from Colonel Thomas A. Scott, states that his health is very much improved.

Rev. Alexander Reid, a prominent Presbyterian divine of this city, died yesterday, whether he had gone for the benefit of his health.

McClellan's Thanks.

NEW YORK, November 18.—Governor McClellan's thanks were tendered to-day in recognition that in church, in New Jersey, opportunities be given to every one to make an offering of money for the relief of the fever sufferers both as a thanks-offering to God for abundant mercies towards us and as a pledge of our fraternal love to our afflicted fellow-citizens of the south.

The Alabama Senatorship.

Special dispatch to The Constitution.

MONTGOMERY, November 19.—The sixth ballot in the democratic caucus last night terminated amid the wildest excitement. W. F. Walker, 17; Jas. L. Pugh, 28; Paul Bradford, 18; scattering, 6. It takes a two-thirds vote to nominate. Adjourned until to-morrow.

Free Lunch.

The managers of the Kimball house have adopted another strange plan to draw the bar of that house. They propose to set free lunches in the best part of the billiard-parlor during the afternoon hours, say 2 p. m., and after from 9 p. m. to 10 p. m..

Hail to the Chief!

HALIFAX, November 18.—About one thousand laborers and mechanics are employed in the erection of the great dome, etc., for the reception to be there the Marquis de Lorne.

An Earthquake in Memphis.

Special dispatch to The Constitution.

MEMPHIS, November 18.—A violent shock of an earthquake was felt in this city last night at 11:35, running north and south.

Oakey's Promotion.

NEW YORK, November 18.—Ex-Mayor A. Oakey Hall has accepted the post of city editor of the New York World.

DOWN IN DixIE.

The bonded debt of Memphis is \$2,288,140. Matt. R. Lee, of Goldsboro, N. C., exhibits a 14 pound potato.

Cock fighting is vogue again in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Union depot talk is indulged in at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Bills are out for erecting water towers in Jacksonville, Florida.

Two premiums were awarded to colored men at the North Carolina fair.

The sun-hummers are in full blast in Louisiana, and the yield is good.

The police say there are at least 200 troops in Memphis at present.

Four thousand bales of cotton received in Memphis on the 14th inst.

Captain C. E. Johnson, of Monticello, Fla., recently killed a 400 pound bear.

Quite a large number of young ladies are visiting Charlotte, among them Miss North, of Macon.

One of the best performers in the great London circus is William Gorman, a North Carolinian.

The grand commandery of Knights Templar of Texas convene in Waco, Friday 17th.

Benj. Halon, near Shelby Springs, Ala., raised eight calves on eight acres with one male.

Seventy-five or eighty persons converted at a Quaker revival at Company Shops, says the Raleigh Observer.

Carl Cushing, of Florida, will have one thousand four-score orange trees set out in January.

The Charleston bagging company is suing so far doing so the directors advise an increase of stock.

Mrs. J. H. Bryant, of Benton, Ark., cut the hair 42 inches longer from her head and sold it for \$100 to be sold for the beneficiaries of the fever sufferers.

A Texas paper says boldly that "Texas girls want less restraint than most liberals do," and that they are "less prudish, more exercise and less woe, more pudling and less pains."

Mr. McLeathers, cattle king of northwest Texas, have the contract for furnishing beef to all the Indian agencies in certain territories, and it is supposed that he has about one thousand head of eighth hand and fifty pound cattle per month.

Oglethorpe Echo: We are informed that Fred Fottle last week visited the governor at Wilkes until December, that he might act as substitute for Judge Wm. Gibson, who has been away to Atlanta, Georgia, to look up and obtain the job of swearing in the legislature. The new constitution provides for lobbying for the purpose of securing at the capital, that opportune moment, of a judicial candidate, voters to us very ready of taking bribes in exchange for such offices? Is there anything rotten in Denmark? No one questions the fact that Judge Gibson is an able lawyer, a man of sense and makes a splendid officer, but we do deem it the bounden duty of the democratic people in their regard to the people, not to persons who went over to the enemy and sold all the rights of the people to an oppression upon the land of their nativity, should the recent legislation continue such a person in office would be a disgrace to the body which not even time could obliterate,

